

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 798

HOUSE BILL NO. 3107

By Representatives Curtiss, Maddox, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3648

By Senators Ketron, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 68, relative to safety devices on cigarette lighters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) No supplier of novelty cigarette lighters in this state, including a manufacturer, distributor, importer, retailer or anyone giving away lighters as prizes or promotions shall sell or give away an operable novelty lighter. This prohibition does not apply to the transportation of novelty lighters through this state or the storage of novelty lighters in a warehouse or distribution center in this state that is closed to the public for purposes of retail sales.

(b) This section shall not apply to cigarette lighters that were made before January 1, 1980 or that are considered to be collectable items. "Novelty lighter" means a mechanical or electrical device typically used for lighting cigarettes, cigars, or pipes that has entertaining audio or visual effects, or that resembles in physical form or function articles commonly recognized as appealing to or intended for use by children ten (10) years of age or younger. This includes, but is not limited to, lighters that resemble cartoon characters, toys, guns, watches, musical instruments, vehicles, toy animals, food or beverages, or that play musical notes or have flashing lights or other entertaining features. A novelty lighter may operate on any fuel, including butane or liquid fuel.


(e) Any violation of this section is a prohibited practice under § 47-18-104.

(f) The commissioner of commerce and insurance is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it. For all

other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 10, 2008


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
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APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2008


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